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TO: Certified Egg Producer Organizations - Area IV
(West North Central States)

FROM: Angie Snyder
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SUBJECT: American Egg Board Nominations

We are now calling on certified organizations to submit nominations to the Board for the 2006-2007 term. Kevin Vinchattle, Iowa Egg Council, has agreed to conduct the caucus in Area IV again this year.

VACANCIES

One member and one alternate position are to be filled in Area IV for the 2006-2007 term. The terms of Beth S. Schnell, member and David E. Thompson, alternate, expire at the end of 2005.

The incumbents may be renominated provided they are still eligible as producers or representatives of producers and are willing to serve.

NOMINATIONS

Two names must be submitted for each position to be filled, as required by the Egg Research and Promotion Order. *Nominees must be producers or representatives of producers and willing to serve if appointed.* They may own 75,000 or fewer laying hens, provided they have not applied for exemption and are paying assessments to the Board.

We urge you to work to achieve as equitable a representation by State as possible. In addition, we recommend that no company be represented by more than one member or alternate.

In accordance with USDA policy, we encourage representation of women, minorities, and persons with disabilities on USDA boards and committees. However, nominees still must meet the legal requirement for membership as producers or representatives of producers.

MATERIALS

Attached are the following documents:

- List of Area IV members and alternates
 - List of Area IV certified organizations
 - USDA guidelines for caucus leaders and participants
 - Nomination form (to be completed by caucus leader)
 - Biographical forms for nominees (if necessary)
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INSTRUCTIONS

The caucus leader should send the nomination form to Sara Lutton at the following address by no later than Friday, June 29.

USDA, AMS, Poultry Programs
STOP 0256, Room 3932-S
1400 Independence Avenue, SW.
Washington, D.C. 20250-0256

In addition, the caucus leader should include daytime phone numbers for each nominee to facilitate the biographical data collection process. Sara will be in contact with each of them to assure timely submission of all information.

We would also appreciate the caucus leader letting us know whether all the certified organizations participated in the caucus, and who was recommended to chair the caucus in 2006.

Kevin Vinchattle will contact certified organizations about the caucus in the near future. We appreciate your assistance in the nomination process. If you have any questions, please let Sara know. She can be reached at (202) 720-0623.

Attachments